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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Re: Application Number: 10/681,103

Dear Patent Officer:

Thank you for processing our application filed in October 2003. We sent you the missing parts a few weeks ago in the hope that we have met all the requirements.

Attached please find the copy of the permanent resident certificate of our major inventor Dehou Fei. As this certificate indicates, Mr. Fei is now 83 years old. This petition, therefore, is to bring his age to your attention. We will be most grateful if you could expedite the processing of our application, which has been directed by this major inventor from the very beginning.

Thank you very much. If you need further information, please feel free to contact us as soon as possible. We will be looking forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,

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